

The Morse code testing requirement for Amateur Radio HF privileges should NOT be eliminated. Morse code and its internationally recognized prosigns enable Amateur Radio operators who speak different languages to effectively and efficiently communicate with each other (something that voice modes do not facilitate as effectively); Communication via Morse code has proven time and again to be an effective means of communications during emergencies; and, at a minimum, the Morse code requirement has effectively served as an obstacle for potential Amateur Radio operators whose on-air conduct in unregulated services is not compatible with communications in the Amateur Radio spectrum.

Although the petitioners assert reasons for elimination of the Morse code requirement, they have produced no viable evidence to substantiate their assertion that the Commission should eliminate the Morse code requirement.